

FW: Convoy Update - February 1st

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K Division update on Coutts: Enforcement is ongoing. Reasonable amount of voluntary compliance.

A number of farm vehicles and personal vehicles accessed the highway further up from the blockade to cut the highway off. RCMP working on Prov Mins Orders to shut down highway down 26km north of blockade, south of Milk River, to control access to the site. Media on site. It remains a fluid situation.

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Update from PCO officials on reports from journalists of an individual acting erratically on Regional Rd 174:

OPS confirmed there was a police operations at that location and categorized this occurrence as routine/minor. No further details could be shared.

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Latest from RCMP:

- Approximately 30 demonstrators on the Hill and 50 demonstrators on Wellington St.

- Slater and Elgin are open to vehicular traffic. Metcalfe/Albert remains closed, as is Queen St/Metcalfe St
- Byward Market remains quiet
- Getting reports that some demonstrators may leave Ottawa to head to Toronto

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Hi sir,

Midday GOC update is in. A few additional insights from the RCMP:

Situation as of 12:01 PM

No demonstrators are reported to be on Parliament Hill at this time.

Approximately 20 demonstrators are on Wellington St.

People are starting to show up slowly on Sussex/Rideau, still a significant presence of trucks.

Overview

- Effective 15 Jan, COVID-19 vaccination became mandatory for all truckers entering Canada from the United States to avoid a two-week quarantine and a negative COVID-19 test before arrival.
- Similarly, beginning on 22 Jan, non-U.S. essential workers who are crossing land borders must be fully vaccinated.

Key Points

Details on Demonstrations

- **As of 01 Feb:**
 - **There are little to no people on the Parliament Hill.**
 - **There is one known convoy east of Ottawa but it is expected to remain outside of the City.**
 - **The crowd of parked trucks has thinned again overnight.**
- Police are working with organizers to facilitate the safe departure of individuals and vehicles and to ensure safety.
- The crowd of trucks has thinned a bit. OPS is not permitting incoming truckers from filling the open spaces and this is causing some police engagement. Police resources are addressing this and deploying to maintain public safety.
- **Some demonstrators are suggesting they will stay or return to the protest at a later date.**
- Demonstration in the NCR has scaled down over the past 24 hours.
- **Demonstration continues the border point of entry, Coutts, AB.**
 - **The Coutts port of entry (POE) remains open however due to the demonstration, trucks cannot access the POE.**

Preparedness and Response efforts

- The GOC hosted a Significant Event Information Sharing Protocol (SEISP) teleconference at 13:00 EDT, with partners at TBS and PCO. **Meetings will be on an ad hoc basis for the remainder of the week.**
- On 29 Jan, a Request for Federal Assistance (RFA) from Ontario was approved for access to Cartier Square Drill Hall parking lot, for staging of Ottawa Police Service (OPS) operations.
- On 29 Jan a NOTAM was issued for airspace restriction.
- OC Transpo service around downtown Ottawa suspended on third day of truck convoy protest. [Link](#)
- **Vulnerable downtown residents hit breaking point as convoy enters 5th day.** [Link](#)
- **Health-care workers and patients feeling pressure from the ongoing demonstrations.** [Link](#)
- **OPS additionally reports the following:**
 - **The Ottawa Police Chief states that 'All options are on the table' to end truckers' protest as police are continue to negotiate with organizers in an effort to end the demonstrations.** [Link](#)
 - **Ottawa police setting up hate crime hotline after reports of assaults and threats.** [Link](#)
 - Downtown Ottawa should largely be back to normal within 24 to 48 hours. [Link](#)
 - No violence took place in the NCR despite national protest for a wide variety of causes.
 - Continue to avoid non-essential travel to the down town core.
- **OPS and OPP resources continue to address areas of tension with truckers/demonstrators and maintaining public safety is the number one priority.**
- For information on [planned traffic routes and road closures](#).
- For updates on the [City of Ottawa road closures and traffic](#) or via social media [@Ottawa_Traffic](#) and [@Ottawa_Circule](#).

Overall Assessment: (derived from information available on open sources):

- The majority of the event remains peaceful.
- Since most government employees are working remotely, the disruption to government activities is so far minor.
- **There is currently no known end time for the demonstrations, however it has scaled down again over the last 24 hours.**

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 1, 2022, at 11:32 AM, Williams, Caroline <Caroline.Williams@qpc-cpr.gc.ca> wrote:

A few comms flags from PCO:

- A review of social media shows that it is well known that the PM is at Harrington Lake. Some users have mentioned that the residence has two entrances and that perhaps truckers should go there. A Twitter user commented: "I bet that place would look great with a nice convoy in front of it."
- Multiple social media posts report a convoy of truckers forming in the US. The convoy intends to travel to Washington, DC, to hold a similar demonstration. No mention that the group is planning to make their way to Canada.

And from the RCMP:

- The RCMP has seen a fairly significant amount of interest in terms of MPs requesting support for their ingress/egress on Parliament Hill. Conversations suggest that the Senate might be requesting the same.
- Sgt at Arms has issued another communique to Parliamentarians and employees advising of the best travel routes, at this time, for access to the Precinct and the grounds of Parliament Hill.
- OPP intelligence reported a possible convoy leaving Saturday from Alexandria with a couple of stops in the East and would be coming to Ottawa on Saturday. "Farmer Convoy to Ottawa 2.0". Unconfirmed number of participants.

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Good morning sir,

First sitrep from RCMP of the day:

- No demonstrators are reported to be on Parliament Hill, Wellington st, or in the surrounding area at this time.
- A local convoy in Eastern Ontario is expected to begin today at 12:30PM, starting in Embrun and going through various towns outside Ottawa (e.g. Casselman, Winchester) before returning to Embrun at 3PM. The convoy is not expected in Ottawa.
- All Ministers and MPs ingressed/egressed Parliament Hill without issue yesterday, the majority by foot.
- Heightened patrols throughout the evening around client residences and sites, no issues to report.

-Caroline